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Docket No. 483471-009C1

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

ALUMINUM METAL-CORE WELD WIRE AND METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME

described and claimed

 in the attached specification;
X in the specification filed September 27, 2001,
as U.S. Application Serial No. 09/965,142,
and as amended .

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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